

# *Jap Torture, Viet Nam; Writer Has Been There*

About the best thing you can say after meeting Hilaire du Berrier is he looks like his name sounds.

But it's another case of the old saw about not judging a book by the cover.

This is a gutsy little guy, peering out from behind thick spectacles under a few strands of white in a head of thick, black hair.

When he starts talking at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday to the January meeting of the Ft. Lauderdale Republican Club in the First National Bank auditorium, they will be hearing an expert.

If he talks about Japanese prison camps and torture chambers — he's been there. And if he mentions the old days of Viet Nam when it was French Indo-China — he was there, too.

Hilaire du Berrier may look like a librarian, but he was flying a courier plane for Nationalist China in 1937 when he was 31.

It was November of 1942 before the Japanese caught up with this real-life James



**HILAIRE DU BERRIER**  
... to speak here

Bond in Shanghai and nailed him for espionage.

At the moment of his arrest, he had a Nationalist radio transmitter in his hall closet and several tons of dynamite in his bathtub.

Since 1957, du Berrier, a native of North Dakota, has made his home in Paris. He lives off the 6,000 subscrip-

tions (at \$10 a year) to his H. d. B. Reports, a triple-fold, one sheet English newsletter for Americans.

He does all the writing and editing in Paris and has it printed in Huntington, Ind. There is a big Catholic printing plant there and their photo-offset rates, he says, are the cheapest in the world.

Du Berrier describes himself as a "Goldwater conservative" in political thinking, and his talk Wednesday evening will cover American policies, past and present in Europe, Africa and Asia, with special attention to Viet Nam.

He blames a "Washington lobby" for this nation's blunders in Southeast Asia, and a book he is writing names Angier Biddle Duke as chief architect of U. S. policy in Viet Nam.

Duke just resigned as American chief of protocol, in charge of arranging all visits of foreign dignitaries to this country. The late President John F. Kennedy appointed Duke.

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